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In re Application of: Kanada et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 9, 2004.
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of Claims
3 - 4 in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.